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I would like to voice my opposition to the current proposed settlement with Microsoft.

The current settlement with Microsoft is far too soft on a company that, through its monopoly and unethical practices, has put a damper on innovation in the industry.

While there are many parts of the agreement that trouble me, the most troubling are the donations to schools and the efforts on Microsoft's behalf to undermine legitimate open source companies and products.

By allowing Microsoft to donate software and equipment to schools - which costs them next to nothing - the government is just extending Microsoft's monopoly to an area that Microsoft does not currently control.

I am also concerned about Sections III(J)(2) and III(D) which seem to take legitimate vendors who operate under a different business model out of the game as far as requiring Microsoft's to release documentation, APIs, etc. is concerned.

Overall, this settlement does little to punish Microsoft and will be as ineffective as the previous consent decree in curbing Microsoft's illegal and damaging behavior.

Thank You

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